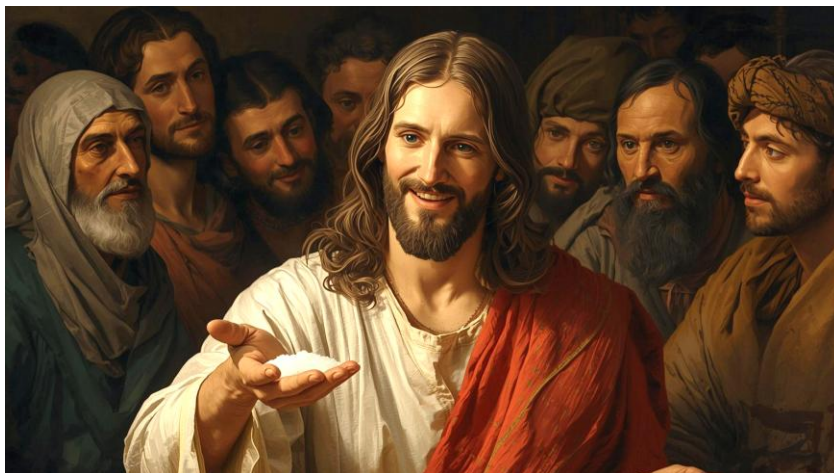




Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A Cycle II | 8 February 2026



Witnesses of Light

In a world that appears dark, what kind of light will people turn to? Perhaps it depends on how we understand the dark. Are the problems Godlessness, secularism, relativism, sex, drugs and rock n' roll? Or is the darkness more timeless: fear, loneliness, regret and despair? It seems that Jesus discovered these darkneses two thousand years ago, just as Isaiah found before him, and we find today. And the light, as ever, is 'Good News for the poor': it is a light of hope and healing; love and liberation. We demonstrate our faith and our integrity by serving the needy and offering justice to the oppressed. We become the light that others turn to, which attracts attention and trust. Only then will we be able to speak out of the power of God and not our own. As St Paul VI put it, today's world 'listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if [it] does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.' So let us be lights that shine for everyone.

God's Word Sr Elizabeth Young RSM

Flavour & Life

The world teaches us to stand out, to be noticed. Almost in contrast, Jesus gives us the example of salt: to be lost, with not even a visible trace left behind, but with tremendous and palpable impact. Salt turns something insipid into something flavourful and delicious. So many around us are going through life depressed and despondent; living lives filled with darkness and gloom. Can I take a moment today and ask the Holy Spirit to show me someone into whose life I could add salt and light? And then do it again tomorrow? And the day after, until it becomes a habit and a way of life for me. Both the readings also show the need to add flavour to the lives of others - not only by our deeds but also by speaking of the cross of Christ. Not for me to be praised or to stand out, but to glorify our Father!

God's Word Mr Royston Braganza

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Illuminating

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus compares his disciples to salt and light. Notice that these two realities exist not for themselves but for something else. In Jesus' time, salt was not valued for itself, but for the way it preserved meat and enhanced the flavour of other foods. Similarly, light isn't meant for itself; rather, we see things by it.

In our rather privatised culture, we tend to think of religion as something for ourselves; but on the Biblical reading, religiosity is like salt and light: it is meant not for oneself but for others.

Perhaps we can bring these two images together by saying that we find salvation for ourselves precisely in the measure that we bring God's life to others. Followers of Jesus are meant to be salt, which effectively preserves what is best in the society around them. And they are also light by which people around them come to see what is worth seeing.

By the very quality and integrity of our lives, we shed light, illumining what is beautiful and revealing what is ugly. The implication is that, without vibrant Christians, the world is a much worse place.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

First Fruits Offering

Through our parishes, Jesus invites each of us to take an active role in his Mission. We do this by offering our time, talents and treasure for the building up of his kingdom. God calls us to be generous with all our gifts. Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all he has given us, including giving from our treasure.

We may often find ourselves throwing last minute donations into the collection basket, however, by creating a plan we can better share the gifts that God has given us. Giving from our treasure, our money, is a pillar of our faith – just like attending Sunday Mass or participating in parish ministries.

Here is a simple breakdown of where your donations go:

The First Collection or Clergy Giving supports the parish and assistant priest's expenses including a monthly stipend, food and household needs, health insurance and a contribution to the Bishop's Pastoral Mission.

The Second Collection or Parish Giving provides financial resources to operate, serve and minister to the parish through evangelisation, parish pastoral works, liturgical expenses, hospitality, parish staff salaries, Clergy superannuation, insurance, utilities, building maintenance, etc.

Planned Giving is a commitment to a regular financial gift to the Parish, Clergy or both. This can be made in person at the parish office, monthly on credit card, electronic funds transfer, via the donation button on our website or through direct debit arrangement. Electronically, there are several ways in which you can contribute but some incur higher fees than others. Transfer directly into our accounts incurs no fees and saves the parish. You may also like to consider a bequest to the parish in your will. Your generosity can have a huge impact on your parish's future.

Special Collections are also held throughout the year to support Appeals beyond the parish, including Pastoral Works Broken Bay, St Vincent de Paul, CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal and more.

The generosity of parishioners is deeply needed and always gratefully received.

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Kids Club is Back!

You're invited to Kids Club on Saturday 14 February from 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kids Club is a parish social Group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus! Siblings also welcome. Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop off and pick up. (Parents must stay for children under 5 years.) Call the parish office for more info on 4332 2216.



Children's Liturgy Helpers Needed

We are seeking helpers to join a team for the Children's Liturgy during our 5pm Masses on Saturdays throughout the school terms, hopefully starting in February, provided we have enough leaders. The Liturgy will be in the back of the Parents' Room, where children can sit on the carpeted area and enjoy stories and activities. We aim to create a roster, so no one person leads every week. A Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required, and we're happy to help with the application process if you don't already have one. Material and resources will be provided each week. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Colleen Smith in the parish office or chat with Fr Brian or Fr Rosan. Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity!

Seaside Youth Group 2026

Seaside Youth Group is back for the new year. We are a youth group made by youth, for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in School Years 5-12. Our first dates for the year are 14 February, 14 March, 9 May and 13 June. These are the second Saturdays of the month excluding school holidays. We gather after the 5pm Vigil Mass in the upstairs Upper Room until 8pm. Newcomers are always welcome – you can bring a friend! Any questions call 4332 2216.



Rite of Election

Bishop Anthony extends a warm invitation to Catechumens, their Godparents, family, friends, RCIA team members and all parishioners to the Rite of Election at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara on Sunday 22 February at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please RSVP to the parish office on 4332 2216.

2026 Sacramental Programme

The dates for our 2026 Programme have now been set. Please see the parish website for more information, pick up a flyer from the Church foyer or scan the QR code to take you to our webpage.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



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Please Note

Welcome!

At our Masses this weekend we have the Reception of the Coffee Family whose children are being Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Scholastica 10 February, Our Lady of Lourdes 11 February, Sts Cyril & Methodius 14 February.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be held for residents at Opal, Killarney Vale on Tuesday 10 February at 11am.

Parish Morning Tea

Our first Parish Morning Tea this year will be held this Sunday 8 February after 9:30am Mass. All are invited to come along to the Parish Centre for a lovely cup of tea, biscuit and chat!

Central Coast Secular/Third Order Franciscan Meeting

All are welcome to join our small group of Franciscans in the Reynolds Room on Friday 13 February at 1pm. We meet on the second Friday of each month after 11:45am Mass, then share a simple lunch before starting our prayer meeting. For more information contact Sandra on 0499 811 177.

Franciscan Food Drive

The Secular Franciscans of our parish are collecting donations of non-perishable items for distribution to the needy via the Benevolent Society Hub at The Entrance Community Centre. Donations of non-perishables may be left in the baskets at the Church doors. Thank you for your support!

Confession Times

Just a friendly reminder: Confession times are Saturdays from 9:30am to 10:00am and again from 4:00pm to 4:30pm. If these times don't work for you, please feel free to reach out to the office, and we'll be happy to help you arrange an appointment with a priest.

Accessible Church Mass at Holy Cross South Kincumber

An accessible Mass is being offered at Holy Cross Church 9 Humphreys Road South Kincumber at 10:30am on the second Sunday of each month, starting 8 March. This Mass is welcoming and inclusive of people of all abilities. Any specific requests to mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Fr Kevin Lynch, Mark Bugden, Mato Posavac, Fr Paul Glynn SM, Gilly Nyhof, Dennis Holmes, Miguelina Nobrega.

Anniversaries: Wilf McCudden.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Graham Henneberry and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Amirah Adolphe, Tommy & Mason Jones, Jordan Robertson, Max Treweeke.



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**Sacred
Gifts**

Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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